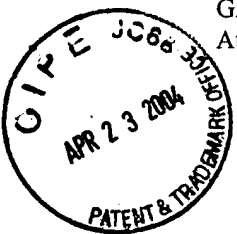


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In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2004 (Paper Number 10), please  
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